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**PROBABLE WEAPONS MODIFICATION TO JIANGHU FRIGATE
SHANGHAI NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD HUDONG, CHINA (SWN)**

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** A PROBABLE MODIFICATION TO THE WEAPONS SUITE ON THE JIANGHU FRIGATES (FF) HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED ON UNITS 17 AND 18 UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT HUDONG SHIPYARD. (SWN)

2. **REMARKS:** ON [] ALL OF THE MAIN DECK PLATE HAD BEEN INSTALLED ON JIANGHU FF UNIT 17, WHICH IS IN THE MID-STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION AT REPORTING POSITION 7A. A RECTANGULAR OPENING, [] WAS VISABLE IN THE DECK PLATE AT THE POSITION WHERE THE AFT 100MM DUAL PURPOSE GUN WAS MOUNTED ON PREVIOUS UNITS. THIS GUN NORMALLY REQUIRES A 3 METER CIRCULAR CUT-OUT. THE 3 METER OPENING FOR THE FORWARD 100MM GUN MOUNT WAS PRESENT. IN ADDITION, DECK PLATE SECTIONS FOR JIANGHU FF UNIT 18 WERE IN THE PLATEN AREA AT THE HEAD OF THE BUILDINGWAYS. THE CUT-OUTS ON THESE SECTIONS INDICATE THAT UNIT 18 WILL ALSO RECEIVE THE PROBABLE WEAPONS MODIFICATION. (SWN)

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ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- THE ABSENCE OF THE OPENING FOR THE AFT GUN MOUNT ON UNITS 17 AND 18 INDICATE THE CHINESE ARE PLANNING TO INSTALL A PROBABLE NEW WEAPONS SYSTEM TO REPLACE THE 100MM GUN MOUNT. A LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR THE SYSTEM WOULD BE A LIGHTWEIGHT SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAM) SYSTEM SIMILAR TO THE BRITISH LIGHTWEIGHT SEA DART AND SEA WOLF. SYSTEMS SUCH AS THESE REQUIRE LITTLE BELOW DECK SUPPORT, AND IN THE CASE OF THE LIGHTWEIGHT SEA DART, CAN BE READILY INSTALLED ON DECK. THE CHINESE LACK THIS TYPE OF SHIPBORNE PROTECTION AND HAVE BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH WESTERN NATIONS FOR ACQUISITION OF SUCH SYSTEMS. THE MODIFICATION TO THESE FRIGATES INDICATE THAT THE CHINESE ANTICIPATE THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW SHIPBORNE WEAPON. (SWN) []

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3. [] COORDINATES 31-16-34N 121-34-08E (S)

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